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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NEA Division

SUBJECT : Status of [] 25X1

25X1 1. When I was in [] the Case Officer who was handling
 25X1 [] asked me to look at the personnel and contract files and
 25X1 advise him, particularly on the allowance aspects. As a result,
 I wrote a memorandum, 9 November 1954, which has your dispatch
 number of []. You sent this to my Office in December,
 and subsequently the Special Contracting Officer wrote you a 25X1
 memorandum, 8 December 1954, outlining the status of []
 I think this pretty well determines the facts of this particular
 case, but still leaves unsolved the problem which gave rise to
 my memorandum from the field.

25X1 2. As I stated in my 9 November memorandum, I reviewed the
 documentation available in [] very carefully and ended up
 unable to resolve the points involved. [] case this 25X1
 was partly because of the ambiguities or apparent contradictions 25X1
 involved, which were not otherwise explained. []
 points out that these matters had been decided back here, but
 my point is the field was handicapped in that a clear-cut
 25X1 statement of [] status could not be derived from the papers 25X1
 in their possession. In the cases of [] also 25X1
 mentioned in my dispatch from [] the file seemed to me to
 lack material which the field Case Officer should have. I wish
 to state my personal view that the problem here is an administra-
 tive one and is only secondarily of concern to the NEA staff.

25X1 3. The [] Station was almost alone of the many stations
 I visited enthusiastic on the support received from the Headquarters
 staff. They stated that on the whole they got rapid and adequate
 responses to their inquiries and requests for aid. I feel,
 therefore, that we should review our administrative handling of
 cases, particularly where they involve dual status because of the
 cover requirements. I am going to ask my Office to review with the
 Special Contracting Officer our contractual arrangements with field
 personnel under cover to see if a simpler and clearer method of
 informing the field stations as to agents' status cannot be devised.

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cc: DD/S

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(w/background papers)

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